

Fiscal Services Division Legislative Services Agency Fiscal Note

SF 2263 - Sex Offender Residency Requirements (LSB 6417 SV)
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Description

Senate File 2263 makes changes to the residency restrictions that apply to certain sex offenders residing near a school or child care facility, and provides an effective date.

Assumptions

1. Senate File 2263 reduces the residency restrictions that apply to certain sex offenders residing near a school or child care facility from 2,000 feet to 1,000 feet. Current law restricts sex offenders from residing within 2,000 feet of a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school.
2. There were three convictions for a violation of the 2,000-foot rule prior to the temporary injunction.
3. In FY 2003, there were 166 convictions for failure to register as a sex offender.
4. As of March 1, 2004, there were 5,793 individuals registered on the sex offender registry.
5. Under current law and SF 2263, a person who violates the Bill commits an aggravated misdemeanor, which is punishable by confinement for no more than two years and a fine of at least \$500 but no more than \$5,000.
6. Release from prison may be slowed due to the lack of adequate housing outside the restricted area and the inability to approve a valid parole plan.
7. The Bill takes effect upon enactment.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of SF 2263 cannot be determined due to insufficient information regarding the number of cases that might be filed and the conviction rate. It is reasonable to expect a correctional impact on prison, jail, and Community-Based Corrections resources. Also, releases from prison may be significantly slowed if appropriate community housing cannot be located.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of SF 2263 cannot be determined but is anticipated to be minimal.

Sources

Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division
Judicial Branch
Department of Public Safety

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